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Mr. Reed Larson, Executive Vice President
National Right to Work Committee
1025 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Larson:

I must take exception to your press statement that "The Public Interest in National Labor Policy" had as its "true purpose" destruction of the key provisions of the Taft-Hartley Act, and to the statement in your letter that "CED has become an instrument in the drive to repeal Section 14(b) of Taft-Hartley", and various other derogatory statements about CED's relationship to the study.

The purpose of the trustees of CED is clearly stated in the foreword which you misquote: "The study is to evaluate policies in terms of their effects upon the general public interest, rather than in terms of effects upon the interests of any particular sector of the society."

CED's trustees commissioned the report, which was financed independently, as stated in the foreword and acknowledged in the introduction. They neither approved, disapproved nor acted upon the report. "The Labor Study Group is solely responsible for the views expressed" is printed quite legibly on the inside cover, and the authorship is clearly indicated on the cover, title page and elsewhere.

I must remind you that, as a non-profit research and educational organization, CED is charged with the responsibility to initiate and publish studies on business and public policy which importantly affect employment and productivity. The Labor Study clearly meets that test.

It is for the authors, rather than CED, to explain their own report. I suggest, therefore, that you send to them the letter mistakenly addressed to me and to the trustees.

Very truly yours,

Donald K. David
Chairman

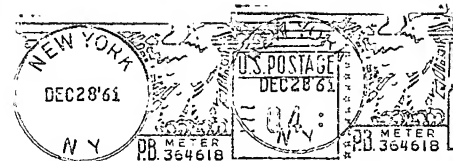
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